Beginning a New School Year with Bookshare

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Welcome!

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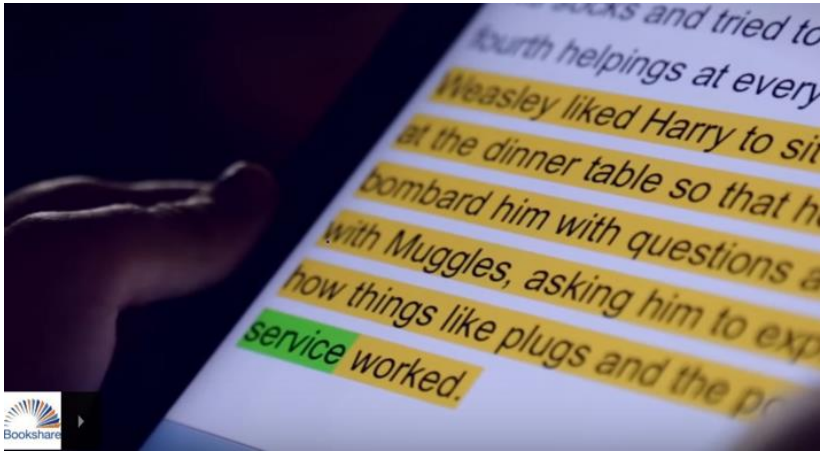
Problem: Printed Text Doesn’t Work for All

- At least 5% of your district’s students experience a barrier to reading printed books
- Ebooks are often just as problematic as printed books
- Need to consume content in different ways
- Need access to the same materials, at the same time, as their peers

Bookshare is…

…an ebook library that makes reading easier. People with reading barriers such as dyslexia, blindness, and physical disabilities can read in ways that work for them:



- Listen to books read aloud
- Follow along with audio and highlighted text
- Read in large type
- Read in Braille

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Bookshare Offers…

- 650,000+ titles! (~5K titles added each mo.)
  - Textbooks
  - Books for assigned and leisure reading
  - Books for “upskilling”
  - Periodicals
- FREE memberships for all qualified U.S. students of any age (funded by U.S. Dept of Education)
- Many FREE, low-cost, and commonly available reading options

Who Qualifies?

- Anyone certified by a Competent Authority* as having a qualifying condition that hinders reading/processing printed text, such as:

  - Learning Disability that affects reading, e.g. dyslexia
    - Need for Reading Accommodations is a good leading indicator
  - Low Vision / Blindness
  - Physical disability that affects reading

- Learning Ally Members automatically qualify!

*Examples of Competent Authorities: AT Coordinator, Dyslexia or Reading Specialist, Special Education Teacher, Teacher of the Visually Impaired, Librarian, Psychologist, family doctor, ophthalmologist, etc.

Getting Started is Easy!

Educators:

- Create account/Log in
- Add qualified students and assign books
  - Subscribe to or copy ready-made Reading Lists
  - Create custom Reading Lists
  - Request new books when needed

Students:

- Log in
- Look at lists
- Select book
- Read!

Many Reading Options!

- Chromebooks/Computers
  - Bookshare Web Reader – FREE
    - Enhanced with Read&Write for Google Chrome/Snap&Read
  - Capti Voice – FREE
  - Microsoft Edge (Windows 10) – reads EPUB files
- iPad and iPhone
  - iBooks – FREE (download book in EPUB format)
  - Dolphin Easy Reader - FREE
  - Capti Voice – FREE
  - Voice Dream Reader - $14.99 (volume discount avail)
- Android
  - Go Read - FREE
  - Voice Dream Reader - $14.99 (volume discount avail)
  - Dolphin Easy Reader - FREE

NEW Educator Resources

- Reading Tools Wizard
- Reading Tools Demonstration Videos
- “Educators Get Started” pages
- Updated Training and Resources Library
- Special collections by Lexile level

SDUSD Demographics

- 2nd largest district in California
- 130,000+ students in PreK-grade 12
- 5,000 students receive Special Education services
- 15+ ethnic groups, 60+ languages and dialects
- 26.5% English learners
- 226+ educational facilities:
  - 117 traditional elementary schools
  - 9 K-8 schools
  - 24 traditional middle schools
  - 22 high schools
  - 13 atypical schools

SDUSD Assistive Tech Dept

- Team of 9 (SLPs, OT, SLPAs)
- 3,600 students with AT supports
- 2,500+ students with reading and writing AT supports
  - Most of these are given access to Bookshare
- Oversees district-wide Bookshare acct, gives students basic access, trains and works with classroom teachers to assign additional books as needed.

Setting up Your Bookshare Account for the New Year

- ✓ Update students' grade levels (can be done *en masse*)
- ✓ Subscribe to Bookshare's Reading Lists
- ✓ Create and share Reading Lists
- ✓ Add new students and assign books
- ✓ Refer to the new dashboard to monitor each student’s reading activity

NEW! Dashboard to Monitor Student Activity

Christina Aguilera

Org Member at: Org Test Account-Support
Grade: 3
Quicklist: Yes
Qualifying Disability: Learning
Plan:
Username: bob12341
Book Format: DAISY with Images
Type: Organization
Password: Reset

Downloaded Books (135) | Reading Lists (6)

Table View | List View

Showing 1 - 25 of 135 results

Results per page: 25

1 2 3 4 ...6

Sort: By Date Downloaded

Export list as .CSV

Title	Author	Format	Date Downloaded
The Odyssey	Homer • Fitzgerald, Robert • D. S. Carne-Ross	DAISY Audio	09/07/2016
Animal Farm	Orwell, George	EPUB	09/14/2016
Of Mice and Men	Steinbeck, John	EPUB	09/16/2016

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Students: Read *Your* Way!

View video found at https://youtu.be/ieUHenk6Zrk?t=3s

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Next Steps for Schools

- Use the new Educators Get Started pages
- Create organizational accounts, or get added to existing ones
- Add qualified students, add other teachers
- Assign books by creating/subscribing to, then sharing, Reading Lists
- Show students how to log in and read!

Questions?

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Get Help and Support

- Take advantage of online training and resources:
  - Visit the Bookshare Help Center
  - How-to guides, videos, and other resources
- Ask the Bookshare user community
- Get live help via phone (1-650-352-0198) or email, M-F, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. PT
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